

I urge the FCC to maintain, or even tighten restrictions on media ownership. This applies particularly to the Local TV Multiple Ownership Rule and the National TV Ownership Rule. Nothing less than our democracy is at stake. Media competition (especially television), people's choice of news sources, and media independence are indispensable to the existence of a modern, free society. In past weeks, electronic media have displayed their reluctance to critically examine government policy. This can be at least partially attributed to the size and influence of the networks and their stations, which are already too big. This trend is dangerous to a free society.